

oak. *Acalles* larvae are believed to develop in fallen branches. *Coeliodes ruber* is known to feed on oak and hazel.

### CONCLUSIONS

Overall, this is an impressive list of species from a rich and valuable beetle fauna, of an often overlooked area. The ecological requirements of the species found highlight the vital importance of dead-wood resources, including wood being decayed by fungi, freshly dead trees and dead branches on living trees. Further, the importance of what are marginal habitats in this area, small patches of lush river-meadow and marsh along the course of the River Churnet, is also highlighted. Clearly both the mid-Churnet Valley and these latter habitats warrant further entomological investigation.

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### SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

**New south-eastern county records for *Cacopsylla fulguralis* (Kuwayama) (Hemiptera: Psyllidae).**—Following the announcement of the occurrence of this beautiful psyllid in UK (Malumphy, C.P. & Halstead, A.J., 2003. *Br. J. Ent.Nat.Hist.* 16: 89–93) I began searching its hostplant, *Elaeagnus* spp., to assess its current status in the south-east. Its distribution is obviously still patchy as one might expect for a newly-invading species and many searches proved negative. Reasonable numbers of adults were eventually found on some mature bushes of *E. × ebbingei* on an abandoned patch of ground on the eastern edge of Sunbury Golf Course (TQ1068), Middlesex on 2nd June 2003. The first record for Kent turned out to be at Allhallows Holiday Camp (TQ8377), a rather isolated community on the north Kent coast on 17th June 2003. The second locality was of a few individuals found on low, neatly clipped hedges of *E. × ebbingei* in the car-parking area of Hempstead Valley Shopping Centre, Rainham (TQ7963) on 4th July 2003. These were surreptitiously tapped out into my hands in view of the large number of shoppers nearby. None of the bushes showed any obvious signs of insect damage.—J. S. BADMIN, Coppice Place, Perry Wood, Selling, Kent ME13 9RP.